

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group Art Unit:  
Ira R. Forman et al. : Intellectual Property  
Serial No: : Law Department - 4054  
Filed: : International Business  
Title: DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING : Machines Corporation  
CONNECTED VIA THE WORLD WIDE : 11400 Burnet Road  
WEB WITH A SYSTEM FOR : Austin, Texas 78758  
TRACKING THE DISTRIBUTION OF :  
COMPUTER POWER FROM CLIENT :  
PROVIDERS TO CONSUMERS SO AS :  
TO COMPENSATE PROVIDERS AND :  
BILL USER CONSUMERS :  
Date: 9-30-03 :

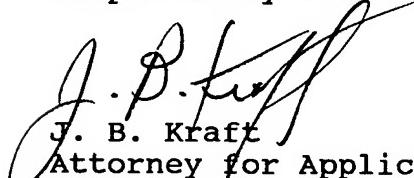
**STATEMENT IN LIEU OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit that other than the background art discussed generally in the specification of this application, they are aware of no further art. Thus, this is being submitted in lieu of a statement under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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